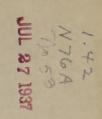
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Questions on the General Character of the 1938 Conservation Program

1. Do you want the program to concentrate on getting things done that would not be done without it?
Should a higher than ordinary percentage of the cost of certain practices be paid in order to encourage them especially?
Which practices?
Should certain practices be compensated under certain conditions and not under others?
(State cases)
Should approval of each farm's intended practices be a condition of payment?
2. Should the program include a provision by which the farmer can earn his entire soil-building allowance by handling his farm according to a sound and practical conservation plan, subject to the
approval of the county committee?
Note.—It is understood that if this arrangement were included, the farmer would have an opportunity for a conference with a conservation representative, at which a plan could be agreed on. It would be submitted to the county committee for approval. A method would be provided for substitutions in the plan as farm emergencies required, and for partial payment for partial carrying out. The farm plan would not necessarily be made up of practices offered in the rest of the conservation program.
3. Should the program include measures designed to get individual tracts of land into better adapted uses, particularly in cases in which the farmers are seriously handicapped in making the changes without
assistance?
Note.—Such provisions might be for reforesting submarginal cropland or making the crop changes involved in shifting from a no longer profitable type of farming.
If the answer is "yes", for what adjustments should provision be made in 1938?
4. On farms on which payments are offered for adjusting acreages of certain crops in order to secure better national adjustment of supply to demand, what relative weights should be given to each of the following in the establishment of bases?
(a) Acreages normally grown: percent.
(b) Acreages that would be required for well-balanced crop systems on farms on each of the types
involved: percent.
Date, 1937. County State
Number persons conferring in making up this report:
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